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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Vijay A. Deshpande

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For: Dual Stack Compact Fuel Processor  
For Producing Hydrogen Rich Gas

Confirmation No. 7069

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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**Introductory Comments**

This Preliminary Amendment is Applicant's submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in association with the RCE submitted herewith. This Amendment is Applicant's bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 15, 2003.

A Response to Office Action submitted on September 24, 2003 was not entered because it presented additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims. Applicant hereby requests that the Response to Office Action submitted on September 24, 2003 not be